

United States Senate

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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator, 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Administrator Pruitt,

My warmest congratulations to you on your appointment and confirmation. I write to respectfully request your consideration of a site visit in the State of West Virginia.

West Virginia represents a key energy producer and net exporter of electricity, is home to a university system engaged in advanced research and development activities, has great potential for being a manufacturing hub, and is centrally located in the Mid-Atlantic region. After eight years of a regulatory onslaught that has undermined key sectors of the West Virginian economy, coupled the previous administration's high-level officials willing neglect of the state in the form of grant assistance or official visits, West Virginia has heartily endorsed the Trump Administration's vision of an America First policy of energy and infrastructure development.

Federal policy will be vital to maximizing the opportunities afforded by West Virginia's energy resources and further integrating its economy with the region and country through surface, air, and inland waterway infrastructure. Your Agency will play an integral role in the implementation of these policies and a site visit in West Virginia will avail your understanding of the state's economy and the investment need in Appalachia. It would be an honor for me and my staff to act as your hosts.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. To coordinate on mutually convenient dates and finalize a tour agenda, please direct your staff to contact my Scheduler, Lauren Russell, at 202-224-6472 or lauren_russell@capito.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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